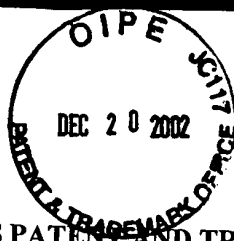


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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002. With the extension, the response is due on or before Friday, December 20 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$460.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-038. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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